Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. Since then this section was introduced to apply throughout the whole State.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is this Municipal Regulation applicable to the arecanut trade as well?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Commission collected on articles brought to the markets.

255. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether licenses granted for carrying on markets contain the rate of commission the licensee is allowed to collect on articles brought there;

(b) if not, are there directions given to them for the same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is said here that there are directions given. May I know what form these directions take, whether they are written or oral?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The directions, I think, are those that are to be found in the Regulation itself. By the very application of this section, these directions apply.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to take it that for private markets the amounts prescribed under the Regulation are the amounts collected by the licensee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is what I just explained. It is not quite so in the case of arecanut markets alone. They follow the old rates that were prevalent.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Was there any complaint about the rates collected by the market holder?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No complaint has reached the Government.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is it a uniform rate or is there any fluctuation in the rates collected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a uniform rate.

Issue of B. form passes—inconveniences to the public.

256. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the public are put to any inconvenience in granting B. Form passes by the department;

(b) which is the head-quarters of the officer authorised to issue the passes and how many miles away is it from Nemmara?

(c) whether the Forester at Nemmara cannot be authorised to do the same work;

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(d) whether any other convenient arrangement could be made to facilitate the granting of such passes as expeditiously as possible ;

(e) whether compensation for monopoly trees in the Nemmara Firkah has been paid to the parties concerned for the past two years ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) No complaints on this score have yet been received.

(b) B—Form passes are not issued but only countersigned by the officers of the Forest Department. An officer competent to do this is available at Nemmara.

(c) He is authorised to do it.

(d) No.

(e) The question is not clear.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(c) Is the Forester authorised to countersign the passes irrespective of the intervention of the Range Officer?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—In the matter of counter-signature, the intervention of the Range Officer does not come in. The application for counter-signature is sent to the Range Officer.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Can the Forester receive the application directly and deal with it?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—According to the procedure now followed, the applications in the first instance are sent to the Range Officer. There is nothing in the Code to prevent the Foresters to receive the applications. The Departmental procedure is to send the application to the Range Officer.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Can that procedure be set right by giving the Forester power to receive those applications?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—There is no necessity to do so. Practical difficulty is felt if the Forester is authorised to receive petitions also.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Do the Government realise that when there is a Forester at Nemmara, instead of giving him power to receive these petitions directly, to send it through the Range Officer at Machad and then to get it back to him for counter-signature, is a circumlocutory process?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—In some cases, there is difficulty. Generally the procedure is to send the application to the Range Officer. But there are places where the Forester is authorised to receive applications.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are the Village Parvathiakarans authorised to receive applications?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—In certain cases the Village Parvathiakarans are authorised.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are all the Parvathiakarans authorised to issue passes? Is there such a general rule?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—In certain cases there is a rule.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—In view of the fact that the matter has been brought to the notice of the Government, will the Government see that the Forester is empowered to issue passes?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The matter shall be gone into.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(c) My question relates to the compensation for monopoly trees that the parties have to get for the past two years in Nemmara firkah. Is the Government aware that still there are a lot of people who have not received compensation for those trees?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The monopoly for timber was abolished in 1104 by a Royal Proclamation. After that there was some difficulty about the terms and there have been outstanding items. Now orders have been passed and the matter has been expedited in the case of certain minor items.

Entrusting of contracts of the department of the Protector of the Depressed Classes to Depressed Classes' Co-operative Societies.

257. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—സംരക്ഷണ വകുപ്പിലെ കരാറുകൾ സഹകരണ സംഘങ്ങൾ (അധഃകൃത) ഉള്ള ദിക്കിൽ ടി. സംഘങ്ങളെ ഏല്പിക്കാതെ മറ്റുള്ളവരെ ഏല്പിക്കുന്നതു് എന്തു കൊണ്ടാണു്?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—സംരക്ഷണ വകുപ്പിലെ കരാറുകൾ നടത്തുവാൻ പ്രാപ്തിയുള്ള അധഃകൃത പരസ്പരസഹായസംഘങ്ങൾ ഉള്ള ദിക്കിലെല്ലാം ആ സംഘങ്ങളെതന്നെ ഏല്പിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—സഹകരണ സംഘങ്ങൾക്കു കരാറു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഏതു സംഘങ്ങൾക്കാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—ഏതുയാണെന്നു ക്ലിപ്തമായി പറയുവാൻ കഴിയുകയില്ല. നെക്സ്റ്റ് മീറ്റിങ്ങിൽ പറയാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—ടെണ്ടർ വിളിച്ചാണോ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

രാമവമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ.—ടെണ്ടർ വിളിക്കാതെയാണു് കൊടുത്തിരിയ്ക്കുന്നതു്.

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